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1. The Soviet construction staff charged with the construction of airfields in the Soviet Zone of Germany was located in Werder up to 5 December 1951. could not determine who was the chief of the construction staff. Officers who belonged to the staff included: Colonel Cherechenkov (fnu) who came from the U.S.S.R. in the summer of 1951 and was the deputy of the chief of the Kech office; Lieutenant Colonel Zukharukov (fnu) who has been in the Soviet Zone of Germany for about three years and was the deputy of Colonel Cherechenkov; Lieutenant Colonel Konatovskii (fnu) who was charged with inspecting and accepting construction; Lieutenant Colonel Streltsow (fnu) who has been in the Soviet Zone of Germany for about three years; Major Oleshnik (fnu); Captain Pshinchni (fnu) who, together with Streltsow and Oleshnik, conducted negotiations concerning contracts and prices; Major Chudakov (fnu) who was charged with the procurement of material; Captain Avdeyev (fnu) who has been in the Soviet Zone of Germany, speaks German fluently and was observed inspecting Brand airfield; Captain Mironienki (fnu) who has been in the Soviet Zone of Germany for half a year and was also observed inspecting Brand airfield; and Captain Smirnov (fnu) who, after inspecting Brand airfield, was transferred to the U.S.S.R. Avdeyev, who is 26 years old, had attended the academy in Moscow. He said that he was the control officer for a large district.

2. The officers of the construction staff negotiated with German construction firms in the central construction bureau at 137 Eisenbahnstrasse in Werder. German construction experts were not allowed to enter the headquarters of the Soviet construction staff. *

* Comment. These statements confirm and supplement a previous report by another source. See Of the officers mentioned Aleshnik, Pshinchni, Chudakov and Smirnov are reported for the first time.

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